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Bill Number: Senate Bill 190

Short Title: Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission - Membership Term - Alteration

Department's Position: Support

Explanation of Department's Position

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources provides the following information on SB 190.

The department is advised on recreational and commercial fisheries matters by the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission, respectively. The two commissions also work together on fisheries related issues. Currently, the members of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission are appointed to four-year terms, whereas the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission members are appointed to two-year terms. Senate Bill 190 would modify the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission terms to be four-year terms. This will make member terms the same for both advisory bodies.

For these reasons, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests the Committee to grant Senate Bill 190 a favorable report.